

As regards studies, books and so on, the day schools on Indian reserves should follow the course of the Ontario schools, so that children transferring from an Indian school to a white one, as often happens, won't lose a year or two.

9. *Medical Care, etc.*

Some doctors are very devoted and really self-sacrificing in their attendance on the sick, but others because of old age or natural laziness don't give the Indians very good service. The Indian department should be quick to change or discharge a doctor when continued protests of the Indians show he isn't doing his job. The Indian agent, also, should check up on the way his Indians are being treated, and see that they get the care and attention they need.

Public health nurses should visit Indian schools. They are needed there more even than they are in white schools, and they should visit round the reserves more.

Dentists and eye-specialists should be supplied by the Indian department as a regular service.

Old age homes should be established wherever possible. They should be small so that the Indians won't have to leave their own reserves and their friends to go out among strangers.

On large reserves with much live-stock, some provision should be made for securing the services of a veterinary.

10. *Relations With the Indian Department.*

Some agents are very good and are genuinely trying to do a good job. Many of the difficulties existing at present are due to the fact that some of these men have far more work than they can handle. They should have plenty of office assistance, so that important documents and letters won't lie on their desks for weeks unattended.

They should be free to a certain extent from too much office work, so that they can visit round the different reserves in their agency and see things for themselves and remedy matters, giving advice where needed and correcting abuses.

It would help matters a great deal, if the council itself could do more work of its own accord and make its decisions in ordinary matters. Far too much business is handled in Ottawa, that could be handled by the local council. Often-times the local council would make a better job of it. Sometimes in matters of public decorum and morality they have a clearer insight into things than Ottawa seems to have. Many clear abuses could easily be corrected by the chief and councils, that Ottawa seems never to be able to correct or even want to correct.

The two agents we have to deal with—Mr. Ross Johnson of the Manitowaning Agency and Mr. D. Lawrence of the Sault Ste. Marie Agency—seem to be very honest, hard-working, fair-minded men. If the department would help them out a bit, they could really do a good job.

It is felt that when the time comes to actually draft the new Indian Act, that the Indians themselves should assist in the drafting of it.

More and more Indians should be prepared to take an actual part in the work of the Indian department. It shouldn't be composed so much of white men. Indians could be trained for this work.

May we say in conclusion, honourable gentlemen, that we are very happy to have had the privilege and honour of appearing here before you, and to have obtained so sympathetic a hearing. Already in the minds of the Indians, your committee has obtained a great reputation for fairness and square dealing. There